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1. The Ministry of the Interior (MAI) Officers' School is located in Oradea, in the barracks of the former Constabulary Non-commissioned Officers School, near the Rulicowski cemetery.

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3. The purpose of the school is to train officers (cadre) for all units of the MAI: border guard, militia, security, and fire department.
4. Students are no longer recruited from among the graduates of civilian and military high schools, but on the basis of a selection made from:
 - a. Military units, part of the regimental schools, and upon special recommendations given by the political officer.
 - b. Party organizations and sections of the Youth Labor Union (UTM) in the factories, with the approval of the Superior Political Office.

The students are selected on the following percentage basis: approximately 50 per cent are laborers in factories; 30 to 40 per cent are young men with high school studies (junior high school, commercial school et cetera), and the remainder from among the peasants and career non-commissioned officers of the army. All must be members of

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the Communist Party and of the UTM organization. Before being selected for the school, the young men are thoroughly investigated. The investigations inquire into their class origin and their families' allegiances to old political parties. The number of students is approximately 1,000. The majority are sent to the Securitate and Militia units.

5. For the theory classes, the students are divided into groups of 60 students each. For their military training, they are organized into units like the infantry troops. A battalion is composed of three rifle companies, one machine gun company, and one mortar company. A company is composed of three platoons of four groups each, with ten students in each group. Each platoon has a political officer.

6. The following courses are taught:

- Infantry tactics
- General tactics
- Strategy notions (elementary studies)
- Topography
- Military regulations
- Armaments, munitions and target shooting
- Military history, especially that of the last war.
- Military geography
- Fighting against partisans (guerrilla warfare)
- Police measures and territorial security
- Political geography
- Political economy (Political science)
- Public law
- Dialectic materialism
- History of the Communist Party of the USSR
- History of the Rumanian Labor Party
- History of the class struggle
- Public speaking: preparations of speeches
- Mathematics, physics and chemistry
- Courses in the Rumanian and Russian languages

7. The training includes individual training, infantry training to battalion level, and battle maneuvers with special emphasis on guerrilla warfare, besieging of barricaded buildings, defense inside buildings, and street fighting. In the training period all infantry arms are used, such as: rifle, pistol, machine gun, and even artillery guns and mortars. By rotation, every student must be trained in the use of all these arms. At the end of the course, which lasts two years, exercises and maneuvers are held on the terrain, and especially in the mountains. There are approximately 30 hours of training scheduled for each week.

8. The arms used for training are:

- Rifles, automatic guns, and ZB machine guns of 7.92 mm.
- Automatic Soviet pistols, with loader boxes containing 72 cartridges.
- Machine guns of the Soviet type Maxim.
- Antitank Soviet guns.
- Mortars of Soviet type of the following calibers: 60 mm, 81.4 mm, and 120 mm.

9. The students have two uniforms, a service uniform and a dress uniform. They are both khaki with yellow patches which seem to be on the collar.

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10. The food is good in quality and sufficient in quantity; two courses for both lunch and dinner -- totalling 3,500 calories per day. During the exercises and maneuvers, supplements are given to make a total of 5,000 calories per day.
11. In spite of the selection system, the periodic controls, and the very detailed political education, there are many who are not believers in the Communist regime in the depth of their souls. These persons could possibly be defected and won over to the anti-Communist resistance cause if they could be assured of an action which would overthrow the terrorist regime. Indications are seen in cases when they must repress dissatisfied workers in factories. In these cases, in spite of the harsh orders given them, they do not use arms against the workers. Even among officers of the Securitate units, there are some elements who can hardly wait for the beginning of hostilities in order to defect and go over to the side of the anti-Communist majority of the people.

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